

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 070999C]

## Marine Mammals; File No. 638-1519-00

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Thomas R. Kieckhefer, Pacific Cetacean Group, UC Monterey Bay Education, Science & Technology Center, 3239 Imjin Road, #122, Marina, California 93933, has submitted an application for scientific research on humpback whales.

**DATES:** Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before August 21, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4027).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301) 713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or by other electronic media.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeannie Drevenak, 301/713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the

taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR 222.23).

The applicant is requesting to harass up to 300 humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) annually in Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, California during photo-identification and prey identification studies. The research will be carried out over a 5-year period. The research will investigate the feeding ecology of humpback whales in Monterey Bay.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: July 13, 1999.

**Ann D. Terbush,**

Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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## CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

## Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Corporation for National and Community Service.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirement on respondents can be properly assessed.

Currently, the Corporation is soliciting comments concerning its proposed applications entitled: The

2000 Application Guidelines for AmeriCorps National, State, and Indian Tribes and U.S. Territories. Copies of the information collection requests can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section by September 20, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to the Corporation for National and Community Service, Nancy Talbot, Director, Planning and Program Development, 1201 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20525.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy Talbot (202) 606-5000, ext. 470.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

## Comment Request

The Corporation is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

## Background

The 2000 Application Guidelines for AmeriCorps National, State, and Indian Tribes and U.S. Territories provide the background, requirements and instructions that potential applicants need to complete an application to the Corporation for funds to operate AmeriCorps programs.

## Current Action

The Corporation seeks public comment on the forms, the instructions for the forms, and the instructions for the narrative portion of these application guidelines. The application forms and instructions are being revised to reflect the evaluation criteria approved by the Corporation board last year. In some instances this means that